

REMARKS AND ELECTION

Power of Attorney / Correspondence Address

The Office Action was mailed to a correspondence address that is no longer current. On April 1, 2002, a new Power of Attorney was filed providing a new correspondence address. After the Notice of Publication was mailed to the old correspondence address, a letter was sent to the Patent Office on May 30, 2003 calling attention to the new Power of Attorney and change of address (copies were enclosed with the letter). The current Office Action was sent to the old address. It is kindly requested that the Patent Office records be properly updated.

Election of Species

Applicant hereby elects the species shown in Figs. 2A-2C (Embodiment I) for prosecution in the present application. The election is made without traverse. Claims reading on the elected species are claims 1-11.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the indication of generic claims provided in the Office Action. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are indicated as being generic. Applicant considers claim 2 to be generic, and does not consider claim 3 to be generic.

Claim 2 limits claims 1 in that the "plenum chamber is in communication with atmosphere when said piston is beyond said predetermined displacement position." This is a feature of all three embodiments. Thus, claim 2 is thought to be generic.

On the other hand, claim 3 is directed to the embodiment of Figs. 2A-2C (Embodiment I) wherein the cylinder has an inner tubular part 22A and an outer tubular part 22B. The other embodiments do not have a two-part cylinder. Therefore, claim 3, listed as generic in the Office Action, is directed to Embodiment I only.

In view of the foregoing, it is asked that claims 1, 2, and 5 be treated as generic, and that claim 3 be treated as directed to Embodiment I.

Claims 12-18 have been withdrawn as being directed to non-elected species, it being understood that these claims will be reinstated upon allowance of generic claim 5.

Claims 19 and 20 are method claims not restricted to any one of the species mentioned in the Office Action. Examination of claims 19 and 20 with elected claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

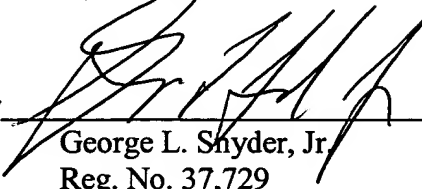
Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number provided below.

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